



MODERATORS



NEW CAPITAL SOURCES | 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Buddy Clark, Partner and Co-Chair, Energy Practice Group
Haynes and Boone, LLP

Buddy Clark is the co-chair for the firm's Energy Practice Group representing clients in the oil and gas industry, including banks, private capital providers and producers in secured and unsecured credit transactions and equity investments; producers, joint venturers and midstream companies in oil and gas exploration, production and development agreements, and producing property and midstream acquisitions, joint developments and partnerships; and energy related litigation and bankruptcies. In June 2016, Buddy published *Oil Capital: The History of American Oil, Wildcatters, Independents and Their Bankers*, which traces the relationship between independent producers and their capital providers in America's oil and gas industry. Buddy is a frequent speaker at oil and gas conferences and is often cited as an authority on current issues facing the oil and gas industry in trade publications and financial journals.



CONSOLIDATIONS, ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Josh Sherman, Partner
Opportune LLP

Josh Sherman is a Partner at Opportune LLP, in charge of the Complex Financial Reporting group. Josh has 20 years of experience in providing clients across the energy spectrum with technical research, capital markets and SEC reporting assistance. Josh and his team of over 30 professionals have led all financial statement and disclosure aspects of the IPO process for over two dozen clients within the E&P, midstream, oilfield service and power sectors. In addition, he assists over 100 clients annually with researching, concluding and reporting for the most complex transactions affecting their businesses. Prior to joining Opportune, Josh worked in the audit and global energy markets department with Deloitte & Touche, where he managed the audits of regulated gas and electric utilities, independent power producers, and energy trading entities.

Josh has served on the boards of numerous energy companies, including JP Energy GP II LLC (MLP), Trans Energy, Inc and Voyager Oil & Gas (Emerald Oil). Specifically, as the Lead Independent Director of Trans Energy, Josh initiated and led the company's successful restructuring and ultimate sale to EQT – a transaction recognized by the M&A Advisor as a winner for the 2017 M&A Deal of the Year



INDUSTRY VETERANS' 2019 OUTLOOK | 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**Mark Tharp, Head and Managing Director
ORIX Energy Capital**

Mark Tharp serves as Head and Managing Director of ORIX Energy Capital and is responsible for all aspects of oil and gas investments. With more than 18 years of experience in all phases of energy finance, Mr. Tharp focuses on leading and executing debt and equity financings as well as M&A transactions in upstream, midstream and oilfield services. His track record includes more than 125 transactions totaling in excess of \$18 billion in value.

Prior to ORIX Energy Capital, Mr. Tharp was a Director at CLG Energy Finance, LLC, an affiliate of Beal Bank and Beal Bank USA, where he was responsible for all aspects of the oil and gas investment process. Prior to CLG, he held a variety of roles as both an investment banker and financial executive responsible for capital markets, corporate development and leveraged finance.

Mr. Tharp received his Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.



LUNCHEON | 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

**Kara C. Williams, Member
Steptoe & Johnson PLLC**

Kara Cunningham Williams is a member of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC and focuses her practice in the areas of energy transactions and utility law. With over 20 years' experience in transactional, regulatory and litigation matters, she offers a seasoned, comprehensive approach geared to anticipating client needs and providing top quality, timely service. Her transactional work includes acquisitions, divestitures and due diligence, as well as the negotiation and documentation of credit agreements. As a former Commissioner on the West Virginia Public Service Commission, she also brings high-level experience in areas such as utility rates, billing practices, quality of service, inter-utility agreements, property and financial transactions, and facility siting. In addition, she has served as counsel to natural gas and oil pipelines in contract, real estate, and jurisdictional matters involving state and federal law; has represented coal industry interests in contract and other matters; and has significant experience in commercial litigation, with a focus on banking, financial services and complex commercial disputes. Williams also has served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the WVU College of Law.

Ms. Williams earned her B.A. degree summa cum laude from Washington & Lee University and earned her J.D. degree cum laude from Harvard Law School. She has been recognized in various industry publications, including The Best Lawyers in America®. She is a Commissioner Emeritus of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), a member of the West Virginia State Bar Committee on Unlawful Practice and a member of the Board of Directors of The Children's Home Society of West Virginia, Inc.



NON-TRADITIONAL FINANCING SOURCES | 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM



Brenton Cheeseman, Business Development Manager
NCS Multistage, LLC

Brenton Cheeseman is a Business Development Manager with NCS Multistage and is responsible for corporate strategic planning, along with sales and marketing for North America. With more than 13 years of experience in the upstream sector, Mr. Cheeseman leads a technical team that provides strategic guidance and operational support to improve practical and innovative field-development optimization. In addition, Mr. Cheeseman consults on the financial analysis of emerging plays, existing field projects and conducts due diligence for all U.S. unconventional shale plays. Prior to joining NCS, he has held various positions at several private-equity backed companies, leading teams with varied backgrounds including operations, sales and reservoir characterization. Mr. Cheeseman began his career with Schlumberger, working internationally in numerous roles. He received his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Rice University.

MID-MARKET FINANCING OPTIONS | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Scott W. Johnson, Co-Founder and Managing Director
Chiron Financial LLC

Mr. Johnson is a co-owner of Chiron Financial, which he joined early in 2016. He is responsible for marketing and managing the firm's corporate finance and restructuring engagements. He has over 30 years of experience in investment banking and energy, with a particular focus on the oil and gas industry. His areas of expertise include: private equity and debt placements as both investment banker and fund manager, mergers and acquisitions, and strategy development. He has advised and invested in onshore and offshore oil and gas companies with strategies ranging from PDP focus to exploration, and has arranged funding for start-ups and large public companies.

Representative client engagements have included United Gas Pipe Line, Vessels Energy, Frontier Natural Gas, Genesis Oil & Gas, XPLORE Energy, Two Oaks, Osprey Petroleum, BPI Energy, Magnum Petroleum, Zavanna, Ford Motor Company, Hershey, Singer, Martin Marietta, US West, TEPPCO Partners, Smith International, Petrolane, and Anadarko.

Prior to joining Chiron, Mr. Johnson was the CFO of Schooner Oil and Gas LLC, which attracted large private equity backing targeting oil and gas properties in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Johnson began his career at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York, where he was a member of the Corporate Finance Department serving clients in multiple industries. He was also a member of the Energy Group, where he worked with oil and gas, pipeline, and other energy clients on large scale financing and merger and acquisition projects.



In 1991 Mr. Johnson co-founded Weisser, Johnson & Co., an investment banking boutique in Houston focused primarily on providing start-up and growth capital to the oil and gas industry, as well as acquisition and divestiture advisory work. Weisser Johnson completed dozens of private debt and equity financings over a wide range of size and risk profile. He also co-founded GasRock Capital LLC, a mezzanine debt and equity investment firm.



SUCCESS STORIES | 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM

Jason Whiteley, Partner
DLA Piper

Jason Whiteley primarily represents middle-market and large cap private equity sponsors in a broad range of transactions – including leveraged buyouts, growth equity injections, add-on acquisitions and exit transactions. Jason’s clients invest across a diverse set of industries and sectors with notable concentration in power generation energy transportation, precision and tech-enabled manufacturing, specialty chemicals and industrial service and distribution assets.